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SUBJECT: SWEDISH PRESS PREDICTS NORTH ATLANTIC AIRFARE "WAR"
WITH ARRIVAL NWA

REF: STOCKHOLM 1447

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE SWEDISH PRESS ON APRIL 26 CARRIED ARTICLES PREDICTING THAT NWA WILL START AN AIRFARE WAR WITH THE INITIATION OF ITS SCHEDULES ON JUNE 9 TO COPENHAGEN AND STOCKHOLM. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ROUND TRIP FARES STOCKHOLM-NEW YORK DURING THE OFF SEASON WOULD BE 1,650 KRONOR AND DURING THE PEAK SEASON 1,965 KRONOR. REPORTEDLY THESE FARES ARE 25 PERCENT LESS THAN THOSE WHICH SAS MIGHT CHARGE. THE PRESS REPORTS ALSO STATED THAT THE SWEDISH CIVIL AVIATION BOARD, AFTER COORDINATING ITS POSITION WITH ITS DANISH AND NORWEGIAN COUNTERPARTS, WOULD DECIDE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WHETHER TO GIVE PERMISSION TO NWA FOR ITS PROPOSED FARE SCHEDULE. SHOULD THE CIVIL AVIATION BOARDS DECIDE AGAINST NWA'S FARES THEN THE MATTER WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE THREE GOVERN-
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MENTS WHICH COMPOSE THE BOARD OF SAS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. A SWEDISH CAB OFFICIAL TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT NWA'S DIRECTOR OF TARIFFS HAD VISITED STOCKHOLM RECENTLY TO PRESENT NWA'S PROPOSED TARIFF SCHEDULE. HE SAID NWA'S

PROPOSALS DID INCLUDE BARGAIN FARES, BUT SO FAR AS HE KNEW THE PRESS REPORTS HAD NOT COME FROM SWEDISH SOURCES. HE SAID THE SWEDISH CAB WOULD DECIDE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE ON NWA'S PROPOSED TIMETABLE (REFTEL) AND WOULD THEREAFTER DECIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON NWA'S PROPOSED FARES.

3. SAS IS BEING CONSULTED, HE CONTINUED, AND HE VENTURED NO PREDICTION AS TO THE OUTCOME OF THESE CONSULTATIONS. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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